

# **Florence Emerson Heffley manuscript S0624**

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## Summary Information

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| <b>Repository</b>    | Rare Books and Manuscripts           |
| <b>Creator</b>       | Heffley, Florence Emerson, 1889-1977 |
| <b>Title</b>         | Florence Emerson Heffley manuscript  |
| <b>Date</b>          | 1818-1938                            |
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| <b>Language</b>      | English                              |
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## Historical Note

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The LaGrange Collegiate Institute was located in Ontario, LaGrange County, Indiana. It was organized in 1837 by Nathan Jenks and was patterned after Oberlin College in Ohio. It prospered for many years and offered a thorough education for young men and women. Due to competition from village high schools and neighboring colleges, the institute lacked sufficient patronage and was closed by 1881.

Sources:

F.A. Battery & Co. *Counties of LaGrange and Noble, Indiana: Historical and Biographical*. Chicago: Battery & Company, 1882. Accessed Aug 31, 2015. <https://archive.org/stream/countiesoflagran00infaba#page/n3/mode/2up>.

"LaGrange County, Indiana History." Genealogy Trails History Group. Accessed August 31, 2015. <http://genealogytrails.com/ind/lagrange/schools.html>.

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## Biographical Note

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Abraham Jacobus was born around 1799 in Morris County, New Jersey. Sarah Dayton Jacobus was born April 1, 1799 and was the daughter of John Dalton of Basking Ridge, New Jersey. She and Abraham married October 22, 1822. They had eight children, four boys and four girls, but only the girls lived to adulthood. Abraham and Sarah, along with their four daughters, moved to LaGrange County, Indiana in 1840. Abraham died in 1851 and Sarah died in 1886.

Hettie Margaret was born in 1835 and was the daughter of Abraham and Sarah Jacobus. She married Luke Allen Emerson (1824-1864) in 1856 and they had 4 children. Hettie died in 1914.

Hettie and Allen's daughter, Almira Georgiana, was born September 24, 1857. She married Henry Martyn Herbert (1852-1926) on November 3, 1886. Their daughter, Florence Emerson, was born on December 4, 1889. She married Donald Carlos Heffley (1886-1951) on August 27, 1919. Georgiana died in 1938 and Florence lived to the age of 87 and died in August, 1977.

Sources:

"Abraham Jacobus in the 1850 United States Federal Census." Ancestry.com. Accessed August 31, 2015. <http://search.ancestrylibrary.com/>.

"Almira Georgiana Herbert." Find a Grave. Accessed August 31, 2015. <http://www.findagrave.com/>.

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"Hattie Margaret Jacobus Emerson." Find a Grave. Accessed August 31, 2015. <http://www.findagrave.com/>.

"Jacobs, Abraham." Find a Grave. Accessed August 31, 2015. <http://www.findagrave.com/>.

"Luke Allen Emerson." Find a Grave. Accessed August 31, 2015. <http://www.findagrave.com/>.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection contains a draft of the manuscript, "A Little Girl of the Sixties," by Florence Emerson Heffley. The manuscript is 48 typewritten pages and includes handwritten corrections and a few pages of additional notes. Heffley's narrative relates stories and genealogical information about her great-grandparents, Abraham and Sarah Dayton Jacobus, her grandparents Hettie and Luke Allen Emerson, and her mother, Almira Georgiana Herbert, the "Little Girl of the Sixties," from 1818 to 1938. Heffley relates many aspects of her mother's childhood and includes remembrances of candle making, religion, fashions, social reforms, and education. The manuscript includes a description of the LaGrange Collegiate Institute of Ontario, Indiana and it also reprints two letters written by a soldier to Georgiana's aunt during the Civil War.

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## Arrangement

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This collection is arranged chronologically.

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## Administrative Information

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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### **Corporate Name(s)**

- LaGrange Collegiate Institute (Ontario, Ind.).

### **Genre(s)**

- Correspondence

### **Geographic Name(s)**

- LaGrange County (Ind.)

- United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865

## **Subject(s)**

- Clothing and dress
- Education--Indiana
- Family history
- Genealogy
- Manuscript
- Religion
- Social problems--Indiana
- Universities and colleges--United States--History